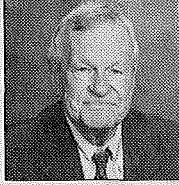


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**Blatz, Jerome V. "Joe"
"Jerry"**

8-23-2009



Age 85, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully Aug. 20, 2009. Survived by children, Kathleen (Wheelock Whitney), Jeannie, Phil (Denise),



Camille (John Allison), Anita Baltierra (Claudio), Joel, Sara Sobhani (Diba), Almee (Greg O'Dell); son-in-law, Pat Sherman; sisters, Luella Wilhelm and Teresa Walker; 19 loving grandchil-

dren and 2 great-grandchildren; special friends, Gary and Gerry Kruger and many other relatives. Reunited with his beloved wife, Kaye; dear daughter, Mary; parents, Clara and Philip and siblings, Sr. Imogene (OSB), Sr. Mildred Ann (OSB), Fr. Roman, Fr. Albert, and Alvina Kell. Born and raised on a Bloomington farm, Jerome attended Nazareth Hall before joining the Navy Air Corps. In 1945, he completed his service and attended Notre Dame (1947) and then Harvard Law (1950). Never forgetting his roots, he returned home to practice law. He taught at the MN College of law for several years, and eventually practiced law for over 50 years as a respected member of the MN bar. He served in the MN State Senate representing Richfield and Bloomington from 1963 until he retired from office in 1977. Grounded in faith, Jerome approached life, law and politics with civility, common sense and a touch of humor. Jerome enjoyed family, friends, politics, attending Mass, a good debate, cheering for the Irish, horseracing, boating, solving word puzzles and playing golf and cards... especially winning at cards. A dedicated husband, father and public servant, he made a difference. He will be dearly missed. Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday 10 AM at the Church of the Nativity of Mary, 9900 Lyndale Ave. So. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Visitation Monday 4-8 PM at Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel, 9947 Lyndale Ave S. and 1 hour prior to mass at church. Memorials preferred to Bridging Inc. or donor's choice.

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